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Detroit, Michigan  
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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

ATTACHMENT 14

WAYNE COUNTY CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS  
SUMMARY OF THE AUDIBLE MESSAGES RELATING TO THE FIRE RESPONSE

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**Initial Fire Service Transmissions during Aircraft Incident of March 17, 2001**  
(This is not a verbatim transcript. Instead, it is a summary of the audible messages relating to the Fire response)

07:09:11 Officer Goble received a telephone call from the DTW FAA control tower, which stated that Northwest flight 985, an Airbus, had crashed at the north end of the field off runway 3C. This call also confirmed that the Airport was closed. The call lasted until 07:09:47.

07:10:28 Fire units called in service.

07:11:11 Fire Command requested a call in of all off-duty Fire personnel.

07:12:18 Fire unit 201 stated no fire showing, Fire Command confirmed no fire, fire equipment on scene, aircraft is evacuated.

07:13:04 Fire units advised hot brakes on left main gear.

07:16:54 Fire Command advised 200 to check passengers and confirmed one injury.

07:18:40 Fire Command canceled off-duty personnel call in.

07:20:19 Fire Command indicated buses were arriving at scene.

07:20:44 Report of fuel leaking from right wing.

07:21:15 Fire unit 271 requested 3 incident numbers for injuries.

07:23:32 Medical Command requested mutual aid from Wayne Fire Department to transport one injured person.

07:24:04 Fire unit 20 stated enroute to Airport, confirm location.

07:25:08 Fire unit 201 advised that the tower has reopened the airfield.

07:25:29 Fire Command stated that ambulance should be escorted to scene by Operations.

07:26:35 Advised Operations to meet the Wayne Fire Department equipment at Middlebelt Road and Lucas Drive.

07:27:07 Station 2 requested equipment status.

07:35:28 Fire Command cleared Fire units 201 and 202.